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PROBIOTIC MICROORGANISMS IN ANIMAL

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir,

In response to the final office action mailed on November 1, 2006, please enter the following amendments to the claims, and reconsider the application in view of these amendments and Applicants' remarks below.

- (1) Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- (2) Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.